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secretary of the Star Brewery at Belleville.

IR., High's get frightened until the second day afterward. Then he was exceedingly hervans and had a violent herdache.

His brother, Hans, and two employes, who formed in the exception projects a xpoor.

who figured in the exciting episode, experienced much the same sensations, but in minor degree, because they were not so roughly handled by the cracksmen, because frightened somet and gut over from the same frightened something the same frightened something the same frightened something the same frightened something the same sense of the care of the care of the same sense of the care of the same sense of the sa roughly handled by the cracksmen, became frightened scorer and got over it anythody wanted to kill us for, and laughed at them.

more quickly.

Hartmann declares he at first thought his assilants were some friends trying to play as April Fool joke on him, and laughed; but when the leader sent a builet whizzing past his ear, he raised his hands in a hurry.

the buggy in the shed, and went by the boiler-house, where the nuclet fireman always had bunch prepared for us, I thought it strange that no one was around the boiler-toom, but picked up a sandwich and began eating. Haus said, 'I guess I'll go get some beet.' "Throw up your hands,' shouted some

one just behing him, as he stooged to pick up a small bucket used as a beer

do you think this means." Hans was look-ing down the barrel of another gun, and he seemed to take in the situation better than

I did. It means we are up against it,' he "Then the fellow that had taken charge of me turned me around, placed the muzzle of his gun against my backbone, and or-

gered me to march. I marched. the office. 'Climb in,' said the man that had plates was scattered everywhere, Hans in charge.

air? said Hans. The fellow steeped down, caught Hans by one foot, and threw bim part of the whole business, and I started into the car as easily as one of our men would roll in a keg of beer.

"The fellow that had had charge of Hans at they left, to find the papers.
"I didn't have to go fat. The boxes were was then ordered to search me. The first lying on the hillside in our private park. thing he did was to stick his pistol in my face; and then he began to go through my pockets. I could tell by the way his hands papers were scattered in every direction, trembled that he was very nervous; and but, fortunately, it had been a still night before he had got half through with his and none of them had been blown far search, his pistol went off, and another away, bullet whistled by my nose, much too close "Oh! yes! I netified the police, but I

"My capter got awfully mad at this, hien, and took the pistol away from him.

"As soon as I was inside they banged the double doors together, and locked them

who has been visiting his son, R. H. Mann

of No. 2117 East Grand avenue, has prob-

ably lived as long in one house as any

Mr. Mann is in his 86th year and has

resided continuously in the same house for

eighty-three years, or ever since he was

2 years of age. He is about six feet tall,

straight as an arrow, has good teeth, his

bearing is good and he has his "second

eyesight," being able to easily read the

finest print without the aid of glasses. He

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but he is now the only surviving member

Mr. Mann has never been more than 120

miles away from home and was never

sick until a few months ago, when he sur-

fered from a slight cold. He is as spry

and active as a man of 30 and has a re-

markable memory. He has been a farmer

plowing and cultivating two acres of corn

other person in America.

of the family.

Held up at midnight by two masked men.

The training and locked up in an airtight refrigerator car for four hours, while the masked men bombarded the company's the masked men bombarded the company's safe and wreshed it. Hutter Hartmann. safe and wrecked it, Hubert Hartmann, voice as that of this Endres, the mult

dow of my private office go up with a bang, and three men jumped to the ground there was a lend explosion, and I knew they had gone after the sate. We heard and kept them there as long as was necessary.

"You see, my bracher and I had just come in from town," he says, "where we had spent the evening. As usual, we left the buggy in the shed, and went by the longer of the window and started five times before they finally came out, pulled down the window and started live times before they finally came out, pulled down the window and started live times before they finally came. them swearing about the small haul as they present the ear, and listened anxiously as their footsteps grew fainter and fainter "After they were gone there wasn't a word said for some time. I guess we all

felt relieved. The machinery was still run-ning in the brewery, but it seemed to be sleepy, and run slower, and slower. Then Fritz temembered his fires and began to

ran. "I thought it was some of the boys stround the place trying to have fun with us, and without turning to see who it was said. "Bang went a pistol and a builer whistled past my car. Then I turned around and was looking into the muzzle of the urliest gun I ever saw. Beind the gun was a heavy set fellow with dark hair and a black mask over the lower part of his face. I didn't know him and didn't fancy his looks a little bit; so when he growled. To with them hands? I lest no time in putting them up. "But I couldn't realize ever then that we were being held up, and said to Hans Want do you think this means? Hans was look." had a small air hole when we heard the hostler come whistling up to the staide Then we began to yell and pound on the car door, and prefty soon we were released.

When the engine stopped running, every light on the place—they are all electric— went out, and we had to wait until daybreak to find out what the burglars had Pretty soon we came to an empty re-frigerator car on the side track, right by done. The other was in a mess, sure enough. wood, and the ecment from between the

ans in charge.

"How can I throw my hands up in the all the valuable papers of the company, had out in the direction taken by the men when they left, to find the papers.

not far from the vallroad track, and the

never expect to see or hear of these three fellows again, and I don't care much if I

"I was so busy the day after the robbery I didn't have time to think of my narrow escapes; but on the second day reaction came, and my nerves played me all kinds of tricks. I really believe the most trying part of the whole affair is having to tell "I thought that car was the darkest place everybody who knows me all about it."

Mr. Mann has been a member of the

Presbyterian Church since he was a boy

and attended services regularly, In poli-

ties he has always been a staunch Demo-

crat, having east his first voted for Martin

preserved and does not appear to be more

Samuel Alexander Mann was born in

Logan County, Kentucky, February 15, 1815. His anecsters on his paternal side were

Dutch and on his maternal side were Irish,

When he was 2 years of age his father,

territory at that time, but two years later, after it had been admitted to the Union, the

Mann family took up 190 acres of land on which their cabin was located.

Samuel Mann had three brothers and four

isters, all of whom married and settled in

Southern Illinois, Mr. Mann's father died

at the age of \$5 and his mother was \$7 years of age at the time of her death. She

than 60 years old.

Van Buren in 1836. He is remarkably well

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all his life and last year succeeded in was a native of South Carolina.

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price 75c.

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Mr. Mann was married three times, and plowing and cultivating two acres of corn without any assistance. Until the death of his wife, last July, the old couple lived and four girls, were the result of the first marriage, and three boys of the second live in Lawrence County, Missouri. The



remaining three sons reside in Southern Illineis. A sister of Robert H. Mann's wife's mother was his father's third wife. Samuel Mann relates many interesting experiences which occurred in the early days of that State. When his father settled near Kaskaskia there were only six others in the township, and people were so scarce that it took all of the men for ten miles around to raise a loghouse. Kaskaskia was then called the "Hub of the West," and settled and improved condition with all its modern conveniences and many opportunities for a life of pleasure and comfort. The house in which Mr. Mann resides is a large one-story structure, built of logs, weatherboarded on the outside and plaster-ther sat St. Louis went to that place to buy their supplies. When Mr. Mann made his first trip to St. Louis the town only extended to Third street, and the country around was full of deer and buffalc. He has frequently shot deer within a short distance of his home, and has had many ex-

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC,

sojourn in the Philippines with Company M. Thirty-second Infantry, U. S. V., sta-

"We have been doing some very hard marching," writes young Matsdairo, "since December 1, and now we are almost half done. I have kept a good account of our line of march. We are with General Grant and marching through the mountains. Our company was the one to furnish scouts to capture the boat San Fernand la Union, which has been searched for ever since the beginning of the war with the native Fillpinos. We killed the Lieutenant, who had Lieutenant Woods's saber and leggings on his body, and also his pistol. This is very good work, I think. Besides, we took over twenty towns on our trip. Now we are stationed in the towns we took, just on the edge of the mountains. Here we learn something about everything that happens. "When we hear where there is an army of insurgents, why, we go up after them. They always get away with very few shots, for the mountains are all lined up with bamboo poles, through which it is impossible to get; so we have to let them escape. You might think that we could run and take them! Well, I am not a gambling man, but I am willing to put one of those soldiers that we are fighting every day against the fastest horse in the States, and will beat the animal in a one-mile run. or I'll lose the bet.

"I would like to have time enough to

Taro Matsdairo, the young St. Louis roldier, half Jap, half Frenchman, and one of the few Japanese soldiers in the United States Army, writes interestingly of his what I want to know your filter than the state of the language to make these people understand what I want to know Yere few of them what I want to know. Very few of them speak Spanish; only the rich do. If you treat them right there is not a thing the have that they would not give you. I have always made friends with them, and I have no trouble in finding out anything I want to know in an hour's talk. Some our men try to talk with them in Spanish. and then, when the poor fellows can't understand them, they tease and bother them; but any man caught doing this is apt to get a court-martial, and that takes not less than \$5 away from him, so they do not indulge in this sort of thing very much. As I am on guard to-night I must

much. As I am. close. Yours truly, "TARO MATSDAIRO."

Ten Most Beautiful Buildings. An interesting vote has been recently taken by a Boston publication, the Brochure Series, as to the ten most beautiful buildings now existing in the United States. The voters, it is stated, were mostly architects or students of architecture, and the number of lists sent in was more than 200. Here are the ten winning buildings, with the percentage of votes cast in their favor.

1. National Capitol, Washington—39 per cent.

ent. 2. Public Library, Boston—97 per cent. 3. Trinity Church, Boston—95 per cent. 4. Congressional Library, Washington—75 per cent.
5. Columbia University Library, New York
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45 per cent. 8. St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York-25 | 10. Town Hall, Easton, Mass.-Congregaper cent. 9. Baltimore House, North Carolina-29 per

cent.

19. City Hall, New York—29 per cent.

10. It is interesting to compare this list with the results of a similar contest set on foot fifteen years ago by the American Architect, and to note that only three buildings appear in both lists. The 1885 list, giving the names in order of popularity, was:

1. Trinity Church, Boston.

2. United States Capitol.

3. House of W. K. Vanderbilt, New York.

4. Trinity Church, New York.

5. Jefferson Market Courthouse, New York.

Fork.

6. State Capitol, Hartford, Conn.

7. City Hall, Albany, N. Y.

8. Sever Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

9. State Capitol, Albany, N. Y.

"I propose never to guess what I can know."
This motio was rigidly adhered to by the nuther, whose love of accuracy was so great that he spared no pains to verify every statement he derived to make in any of his novels, grading in amount of labor which he expended in the accomplishment of this result. He was an indefatigable collector of newspaper clippinus from all matiens, which be carefully chassided and arranged in many strapbooks. Reports of many institutions, police gazettes, accounts of truits and accidents, and manifold descriptions of all sorts were flied away for future reference. The contents of these scrapbooks were indexed with great care, and from them Charles Reade derived great satisfaction, if ever any of his statements were questioned or his facts denied, he would turn triumphantly to his classified scrapbooks and refute the objections with some positive proof contained therein.—Tuth, Charles Rende's Motto.

HE HAS LIVED IN ONE HOUSE EIGHTY-THREE YEARS. Samuel Alexander Mann of Preston, Ill., is hale and hearty at 86.

